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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Gerard M. Housey  
Serial No. : 09/510,562  
Filing Date : February 22, 2000  
For : METHOD FOR SCREENING FOR PROTEIN  
INHIBITORS AND ACTIVATORS  
Examiner : Guzo, D.  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

SIR:

Accompanying this amendment is a Request for Continued Examination. A final Office Action was mailed November 19, 2002. A petition for a three month extension of time is enclosed, extending the time for response up to and including May 19, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks in the above-identified application.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

33. (amended) A method of determining whether a chemical agent is a direct inhibitor or activator of an enzyme in a cell whose production by that cell evokes a responsive change in a phenotypic characteristic of the cell, other than the level of said enzyme in said cell per se, which comprises: